[CORRECTION] Engage PGCPS: Winter Break is Near!

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CORRECTION: An article on new virtual learning schedules for students in prekindergarten through third grade ran in the Monday, Dec. 21 edition of Engage PGCPS. After careful consideration, we have decided against changing students' schedules. We apologize for any confusion or inconvenience.

No Homework Week: Jan. 4-11

There will be no homework (independent practice) assigned for students in all grades from Monday, Jan. 4 through Monday, Jan. 11. During this week, students are encouraged to
engage in school-based clubs and organizations or other hobbies at the end of the school day.

Read CEO's Letter

Take Our Survey on School Resource Officers!

PGCPS is conducting a brief survey to assess the community’s support of School Resource Officers (SROs) in buildings and other school safety measures. The results will be used to inform the school system’s future direction on student and staff safety and well-being.

Take Survey

School Boundary Virtual Community Conversations

Join us at one of four upcoming Virtual Community Conversations to discuss the Comprehensive School Boundary Initiative. With community input, the initiative will develop scenarios for boundary adjustments in order to populate new and expanded school facilities and balance facility utilization.

South County: Thursday, Jan. 7
Spanish language: Saturday, Jan. 9
Central County: Tuesday, Jan. 12
North County: Wednesday, Jan. 13

Learn More/Register

Deadlines Extended for Some Specialty Programs

The application deadline for 3D Scholars, Academy of Health Sciences, International Baccalaureate and P-TECH has been extended to Friday, Jan. 8. CTE applications close Friday, Jan.15 and the K-8 Specialty Programs and Public Charter Schools lottery is open through Friday, Jan. 29.

More Info

Winter Break Meal Assistance
There will be no meal distribution over winter break. Service will resume on Monday, Jan. 4. Families in need can receive meals during break through the County's Stand Up & Deliver program and Maryland Capital Area Food Bank.

**Find Food Assistance**

**Expanded: Virtual Reading Tutoring for K-5 Students**

Families with students in kindergarten through fifth grades are invited to sign up for free virtual reading tutoring. Tutoring sessions will begin Monday, Feb. 1!

**Sign Up**

**Winter Reading Challenge**

Students are encouraged to participate in the Washington Wizards and Prince George’s County Memorial Library System Winter Reading Challenge for a chance to win prizes including virtual fan experiences, jerseys, bobbleheads, Junior Wizards Camp vouchers and more!

**Register**

**Announcements**

**Upcoming Calendar Reminders**

December 24-31: Winter Break & Christmas Holidays — Schools and Offices Closed
January 1: Winter Break & New Year’s Holiday – Schools and Offices Closed
January 4-11: No Homework Week
January 19: Operating Budget Work Session and Public Hearing
February 2: Operating Budget Work Session and Public Hearing

**Attendance Calls**

Parent attendance notification phone calls will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 5. Make sure your contact information is up to date in SchoolMax by logging into the Family Portal.

**Save the Date: CTE Town Hall**

Current 8th, 9th, and 10th-grade students are invited to learn more about our Career and Technical Education (CTE) program offerings at a Town Hall on Thursday, Jan. 7 at 6 p.m.

**State Superintendent Search**

The Maryland State Board of Education will host virtual community forums to gather public input regarding the search for the next State Superintendent.

**Federal Impact Aid Survey**

The annual Federal Impact Aid survey which helps PGcps secure federal grant funds to support our schools has gone digital!

**Strategic Plan Climate Survey**

PGCPS is in the process of developing an equity-focused strategic plan to guide the direction of our school system. As a part of this process, we need your input on our culture and climate. Your feedback is crucial to the creation of our system’s plan to move forward!

**In the News**

#PGCPS Proud: ‘Jingle Jangle’ Director Discusses Journey from Central HS to Hollywood!
David E. Talbert, director of new holiday movie *Jingle Jangle: A Christmas Journey*, is a graduate of Benjamin Foulois Creative and Performing Arts Academy and Central High School!

**NBC4 Story**

**Four Schools Honored for Gifted and Talented Education**

Kenmoor Middle School, Maya Angelou French Immersion School, Tulip Grove Elementary School and University Park Elementary School have qualified for the 2020 Maryland Excellence in Gifted and Talented Education (EGATE) Schools designation which recognizes excellence in gifted and talented education!

**New Verizon Innovative Learning Schools**

Nicholas Orem Middle School and Samuel P. Massie Academy were named Verizon Innovative Learning schools! With a focus on access to technology and STEM education, the program will equip all students and teachers with devices and a data plan to empower 24/7 learning.

**Special Visitor for Kettering Elementary News Crew!**
Students on the Kettering Elementary School news crew received a special visit from NBC4 news anchor Shawn Yancy during a recent morning news session!